

SONIC

THE COMIC

PLUS...

KNUCKLES!

SHINING FORCE

NEW
**SONIC
STORIES**

**HIDDEN
DANGER!**

**VOICE
OF THE
PEOPLE!**

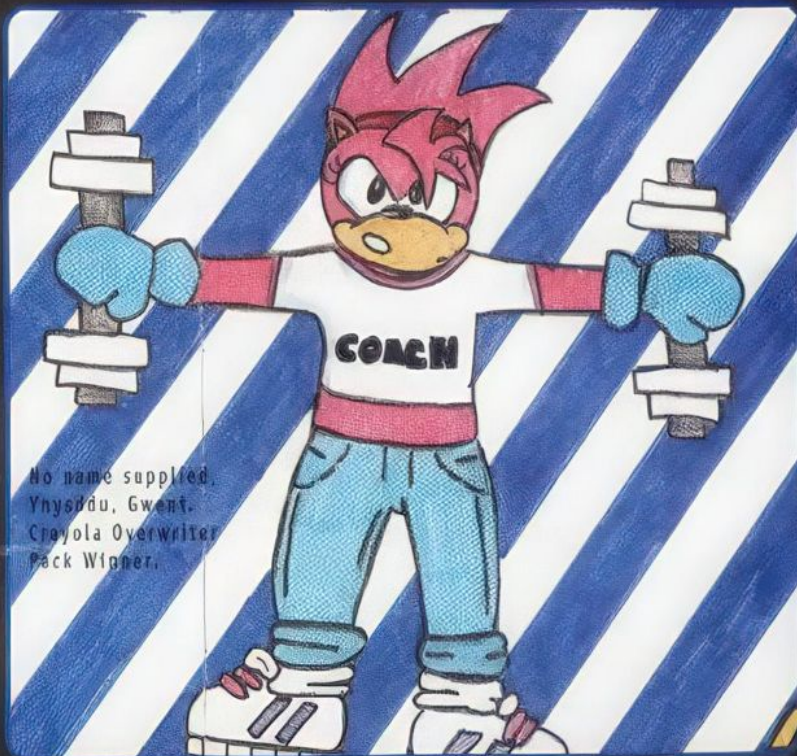
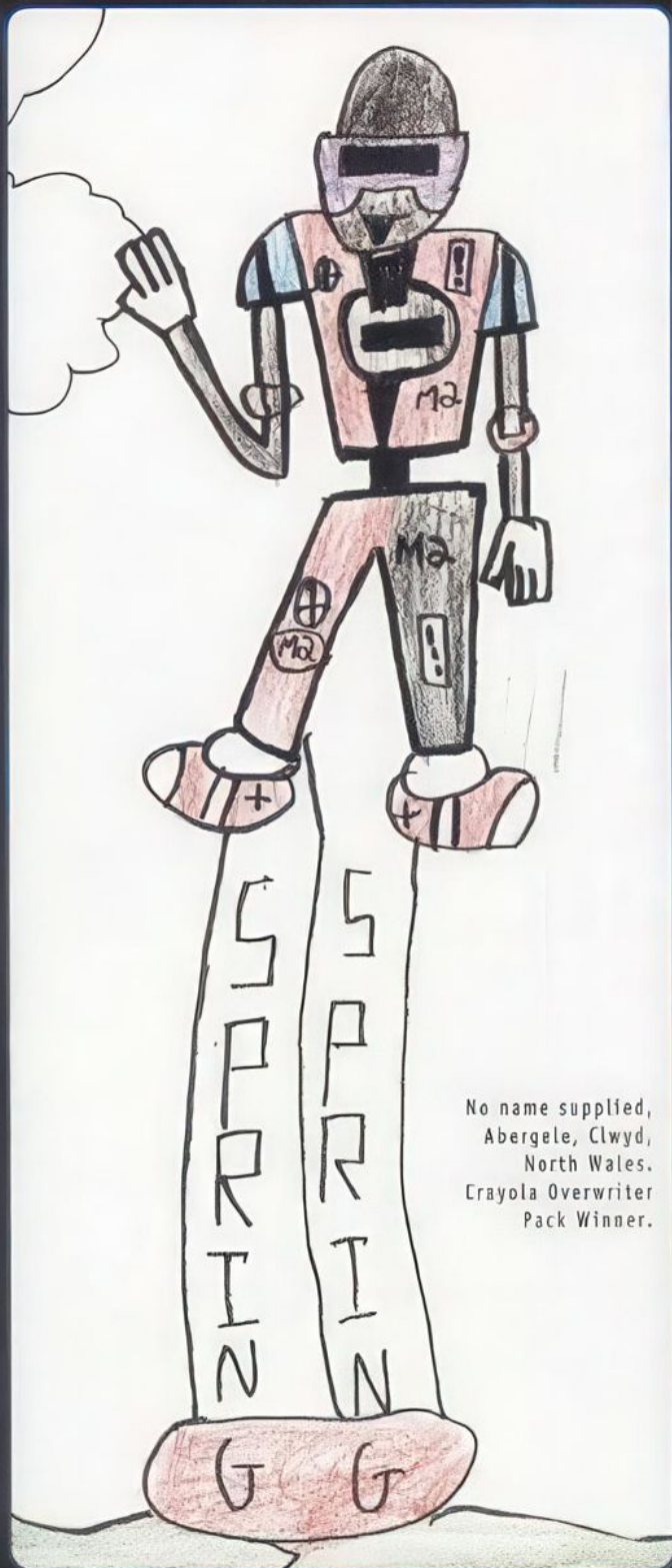
FREE!
**BUTTON
COVERS**



ART ZONE

SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER. BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF GRAYOLA PENS.

What's happening, Boomers? Sonic and co (even Robotnik!) are shown here getting minds and bodies into shape ...





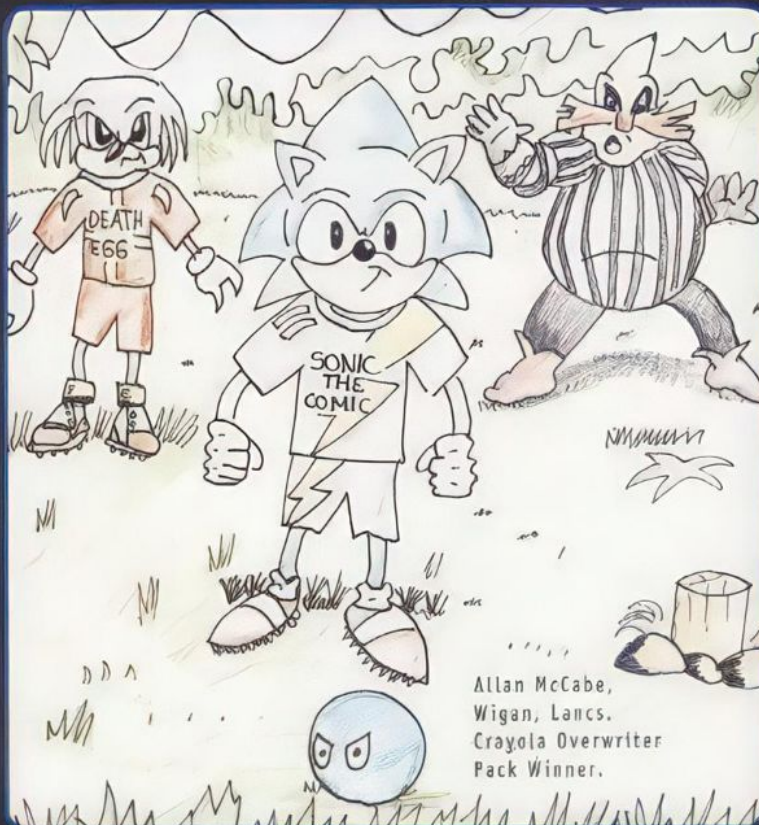
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- Draw in paint or felt tip pen on plain white paper (avoid lined paper and pencils or crayons as they don't show up as well when printed).
- Be original and don't copy pictures from the

CAPTAIN PLUNDER
NOW HAS THE PRICELESS
TANTARAGOR IDOL.

AND SO, IN CAPTAIN
PLUNDER'S SHACK
IN A REMOTE PART
OF MOBIUS
KNOWN AS SCOURGE
BAY, KNUCKLES
IS BEING REWARDED
FOR HIS HELP.

IT'S
TRUE...

THIS
TRUNK IS FULL
OF ANCIENT
DOCUMENTS ABOUT
THE FLOATING
ISLAND!

MAYBE
SOMEWHERE IN
HERE IS THE SECRET
OF MY MISSING
PEOPLE!

WELL LAD,
I GOT ME IDOL AND
NOW YOU'VE GOT WHAT
YOU WANTED... I S'POSE
THIS IS WHERE WE PART
COMPANY!

I'LL
JUST USE THE IDOL
TO TRANSPORT YOU BACK
TO THE FLOATING
ISLAND...

HEY,
NOT SO FAST,
PLUNDER!

KNUCKLES

The **GHOST SHIP**

Part 4

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NIGEL KITCHING
Art:
DIOEL DEBBYAN
Lettering:
ELITTA FULI



EH?
WHAT'S UP,
LAD?

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN ABOUT
THE PRISONERS ON
THE TANTARAGOR
SHIP?

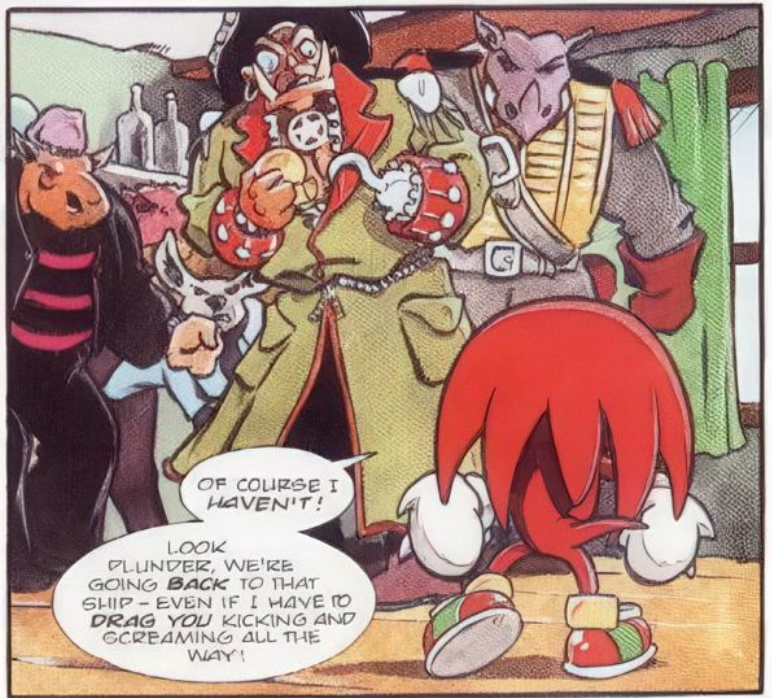


THEY
WERE OBVIOUSLY FROM
MOBIUS, SO WE'VE GOT TO
GO BACK AND RESCUE
THEM!



RESCUE
THEM? YOU BE
JOKING!

WE
BARELY GOT
OFF THAT SHIP ALIVE
THE FIRST TIME... OR
HAD EE FORGOTTEN
ABOUT THE
TANTAROR?



OF COURSE I
HAVEN'T!

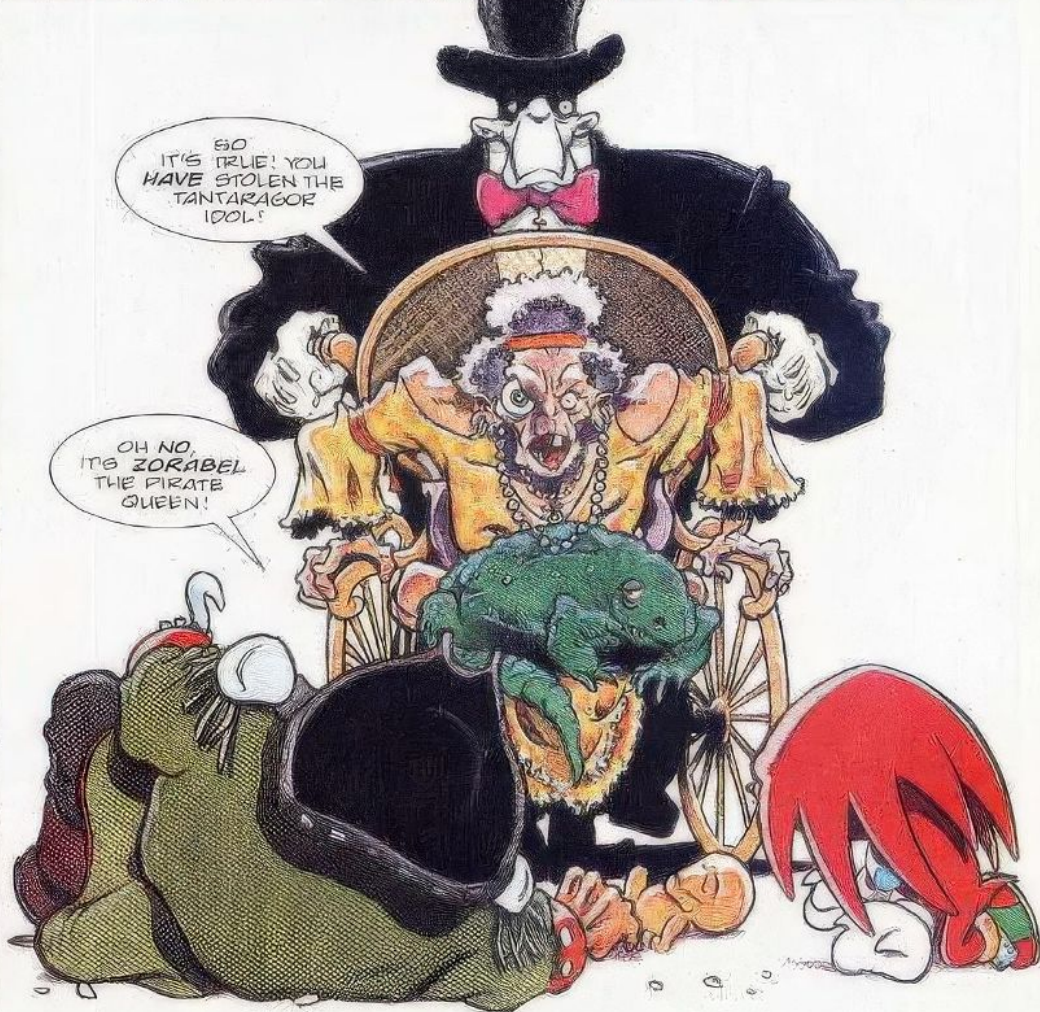
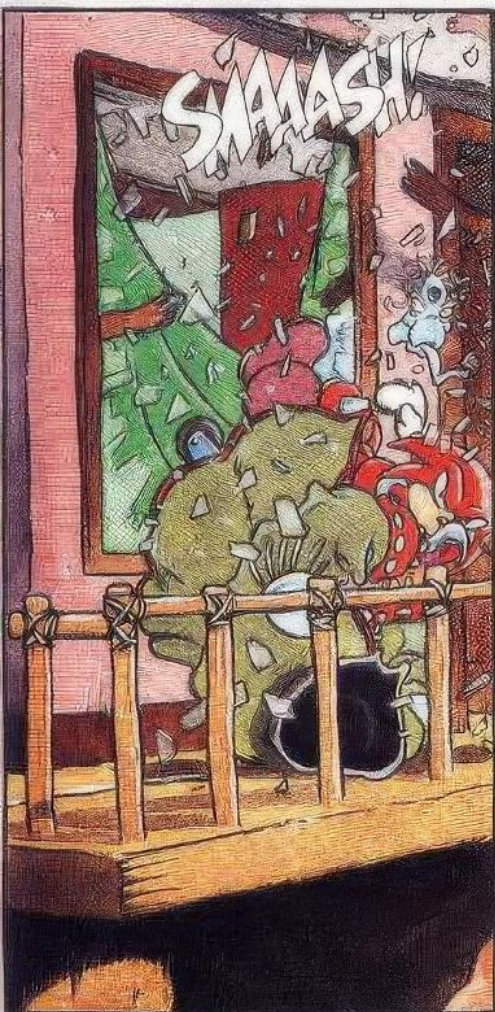
LOOK
PLUNDER, WE'RE
GOING BACK TO THAT
SHIP - EVEN IF I HAVE TO
DRAG YOU KICKING AND
SCREAMING ALL THE
WAY!

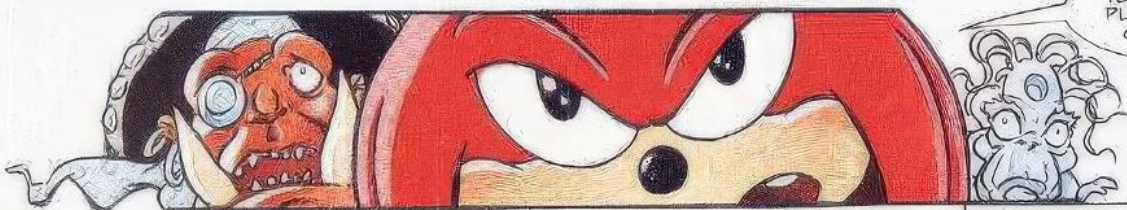
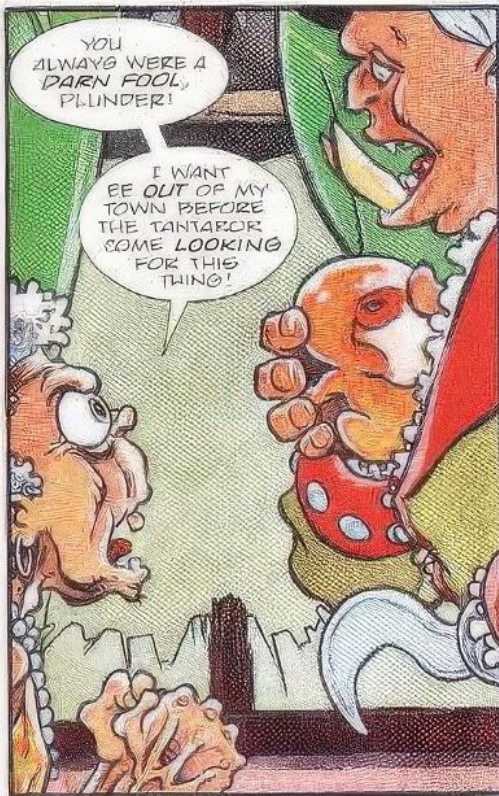


I DON'T
THINK SO, KNUCKLES,
ME LAD!

GET HIM
SHIPMATES!









SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE OF ZEON

Part 5

THE SHINING FORCE'S MISSION TO STOP BARON KADAVAR IN HIS ATTEMPT TO FREE ZEON FROM THE ABYSS APPEARS TO HAVE ENDED IN TRAGEDY.

TAYA, YOUR MAGICAL HEALING POWERS... ARE YOU ABLE TO...

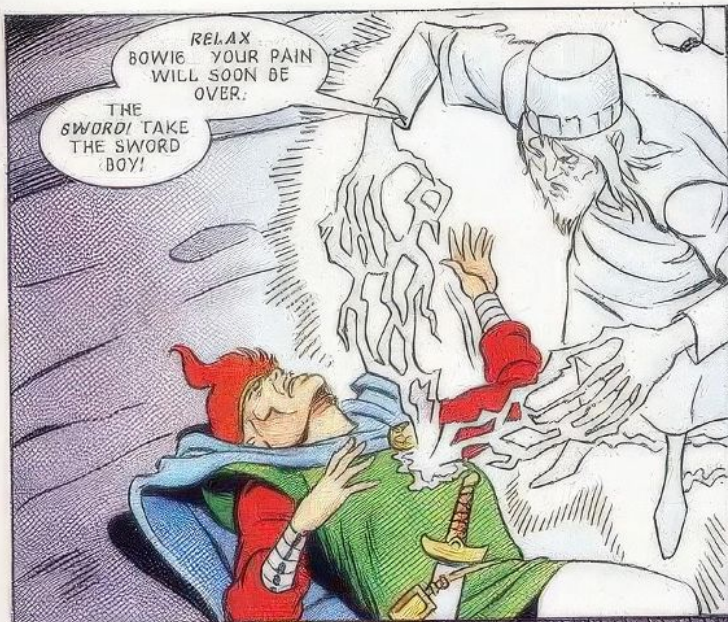
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO, CHESTER... BOWIE'S DYING!

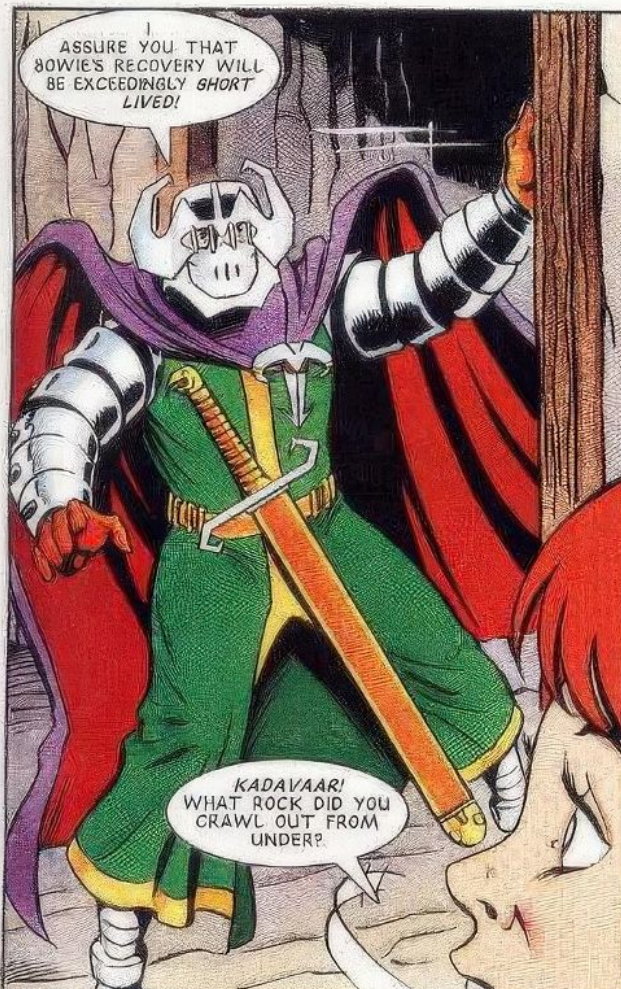
LOOK, IT'S MAX! HE'S CONTACTING US THROUGH THE SWORD AGAIN!

MAXIMILLIAN, EVERYTHING'S GONE WRONG! A ZEONITE WITH AN EXPLODING WAND HAS HURT BOWIE AND...

WAND? AH, YOU MEAN A PISTOL! YES, THOSE THINGS ARE DANGEROUS!

GIVE ME SOME ROOM WHILE I TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOY...





ASSURE YOU THAT ROWIE'S RECOVERY WILL BE EXCEEDINGLY SHORT LIVED!

KADAVAAR! WHAT ROCK DID YOU CRAWL OUT FROM UNDER?



BEFORE I DESTROY YOU I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE TOO LATE!

THIS IS MY FIGHT! IT'S TIME I DID SOMETHING USEFUL!



YOU SEE WE FOUND THE MYSTICAL DEVICE WE WERE LOOKING FOR IN THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG!



UHHNN!

AND WE HAVE ALREADY SECRETLY MOVED IT TO THE ANCIENT TOWER ON GRANSEAL ISLAND.



ANGGG!

THE ANCIENT DEVICE CONTAINS ASTOUNDING MAGICAL POWER CALLED 'NUCLEAR EXPLOSION'! POWER ENOUGH TO EASILY DESTROY THE SEAL WHICH HOLDS ZEON PRISONER IN THE ABYSS!

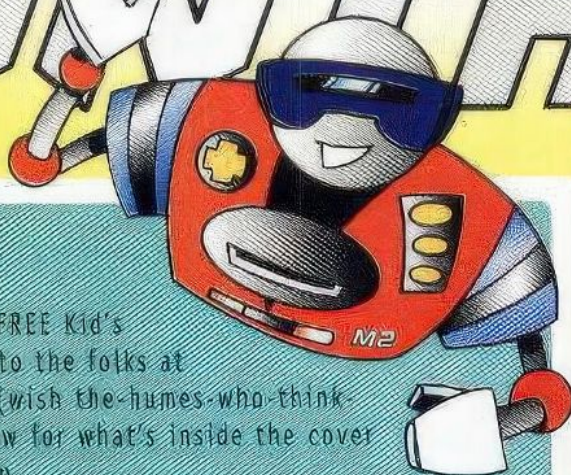


THANKS KADAVAAR, AT LEAST WE NOW KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST!

WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE BEATEN...

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

CONTROL ZONE



Hey, Boomers!

Are you wearing your FREE Kid's Corner Button Cover? Thanks to the folks at Muller, we can all button up (wish the humes who think they're in-charge would!). Now for what's inside the cover of STC and on the menu screen...

For a start there's two brand new Sonic stories just itching to impress a tasteful hume like yourself! You're still demanding to see more of the cool blue one, so prepare for an uprising in the complete Sonic story, Voice of the People. Plus, there's Hidden Danger lurking in a brand new two part Sonic's World.

All is far from ship shape between Knuckles and Captain Plunder in the Ghost Ship, plus there's outrage in the latest episode of Shining Force: The Curse of Zeon.

Back again to complement your turbo-charged Sega strips is the Review Zone. Anyone seen the computer generated 'Toy Story' film yet? Well, prepare for STC's Mega Drive Review, and as if that's not enough, the Q Zone screeches ahead with Micro Machines '96.

Excuse me, Boomers, but I'm being distracted by loud noises coming from outside the office window. It's not even the humes returning from their lunch break - it's the 'Bring Back Porker' brigade protesting already! I wouldn't mind but he's only gone to the Floating Island! I'll have to go, Boomers, seeing as I'm the only calming influence there is around here! See you all in a fortnight when there'll be a favourite FREE gift for you - terrific Transfers.

Megadroid

FEELING 3 IN 79!

Your favourite video game comic is 3 years old in just 2 issues time. No self respecting Boomer should miss this megatastic extravaganza - there'll be a FREE Sonic Spinner,

3 brand new stories (Return to the Miracle Planet, Tails and Sonic's World). Plus an Earthworm Jim II Q Zone, the chance to win one of many Sega T-shirts, plus loads more!

Now that's what I call an excuse for a celebration!

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MEGA DRIVE

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- 2 ↓ FIFA SOCCER '96
- 3 ↑ MICKEY MANIA
- 4 ↓ MICRO MACHINES '96
- 5 ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 6 ↓ PREMIER MANAGER
- 7 ↑ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 8 ↑ STREET RACER
- 9 ● MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF '96

SATURN

- 1 ● SEGA RALLY
- 2 ● VIRTUA RACING 2
- 3 NEW SIM CITY 2000
- 4 NEW WING ARMS
- 5 ↓ FIFA SOCCER '96
- 6 ↓ WORMS
- 7 ↓ FIRESTORM: THUNDERHAWK 2
- 8 NEW HANG ON GP '95
- 9 ↓ VIRTUA COP
- 10 ↓ THEME PARK

MEGA-CD

- 1 ● EARTHWORM JIM
- 2 ● SOULSTAR
- 3 ● B.C. RACERS
- 4 ● BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 5 ↑ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 6 ↓ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 7 ● SNATCHER
- 8 RE TOMCAT ALLEY
- 9 RE JAGUAR XJ220
- 10 RE SILPHEED

GAME GEAR

- 1 ● SONIC CHAOS
- 2 ● TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 3 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 4 RE FIFA SOCCER '96
- 5 RE ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 6 RE REN AND STIMPY
- 7 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 8 ↓ THE LION KING
- 9 ↓ MORTAL KOMBAT 2
- 10 RE DYNAMITE HEADDY



BEATEN?
NOT ON YOUR
LIFE!

SHRAAKK!

AGGGGHH!



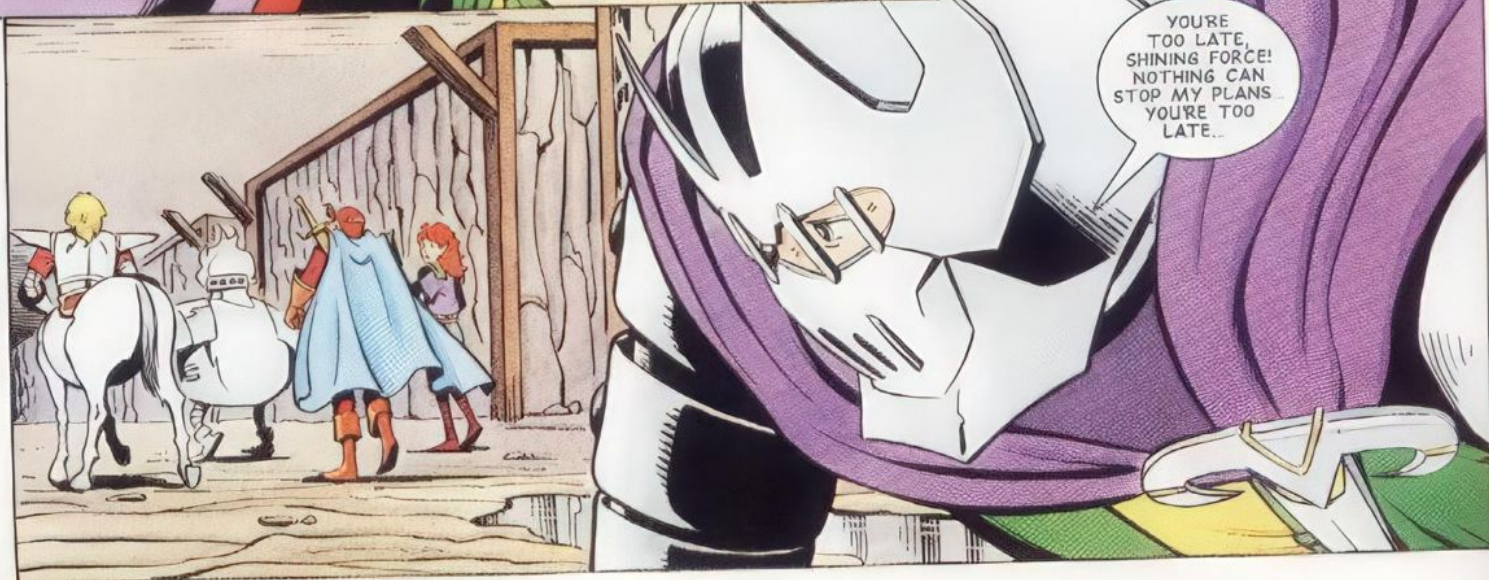
KILL ME!
GRANT ME A
WARRIOR'S
DEATH...

KILL
YOU? FORGET IT
KADAVAR, THE SHINING
FORCE DON'T GO IN FOR
ALL THIS KILLING
NONSENSE!



BUT WE
WILL PUT A STOP
TO YOUR PLANS
KADAVAR!

AND IF I EVER
SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN
I'LL FORGET THAT WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD
GUYS!

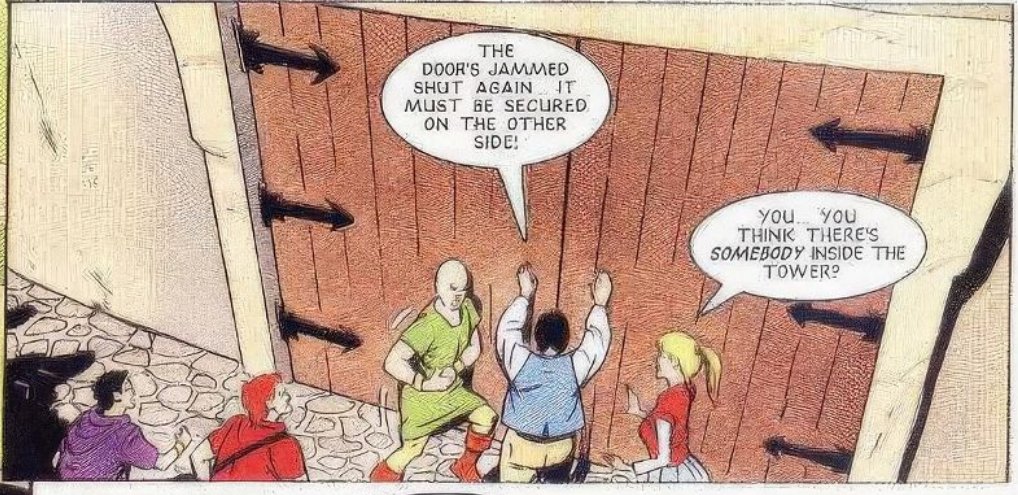


YOU'RE
TOO LATE,
SHINING FORCE!
NOTHING CAN
STOP MY PLANS
YOU'RE TOO
LATE...

MEANWHILE ON GRAMSEAL ISLAND



YOU'RE RIGHT ERIK. THIS DOOR HAS BEEN FORCED OPEN!



THE DOOR'S JAMMED SHUT AGAIN. IT MUST BE SECURED ON THE OTHER SIDE!

YOU... YOU THINK THERE'S SOMEBODY INSIDE THE TOWER?



YES... PROBABLY FOLLOWERS OF ZEON.

BUT NOTHING CAN BREAK THE SEAL WHICH HOLDS THAT MONSTER PRISONER IN THE ABYSS... I HOPE.

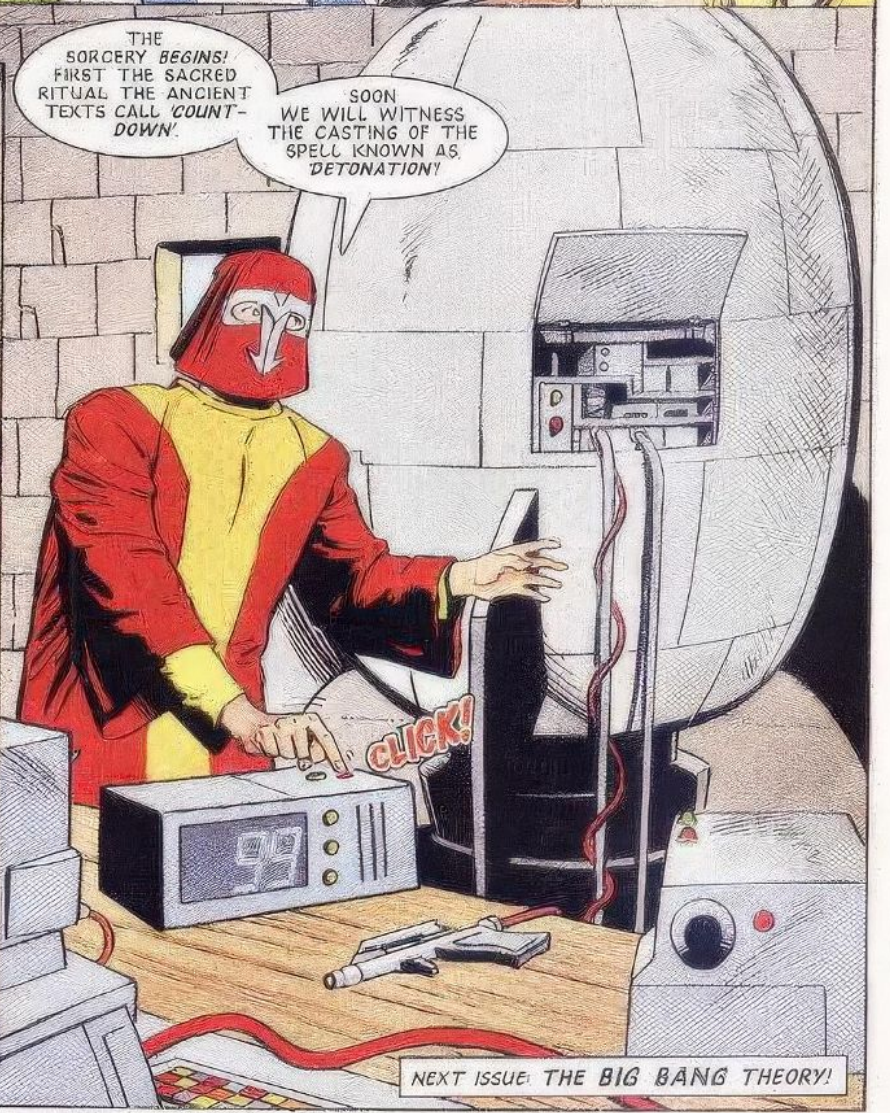
MEANWHILE, AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER



SOON THIS SEAL WILL BE BROKEN. ONCE MORE ZEON WILL RETURN TO THIS WORLD!

THE SORCERY BEGINS! FIRST THE SACRED RITUAL THE ANCIENT TEXTS CALL 'COUNT-DOWN'!

SOON WE WILL WITNESS THE CASTING OF THE SPELL KNOWN AS 'DETONATION'!



CLICK!

NEXT ISSUE: THE BIG BANG THEORY!

SONIC'S WORLD

Hidden Danger

Part 1

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Colouring: STEVE WHITE Lettering: LITTA FELL

NEW
STORY

A PEACEFUL SCENE IN THE
TROPICAL JUNGLE ZONE...



...BUT NOT FOR LONG!

SMASH!

CRASH!

AAAGH!
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

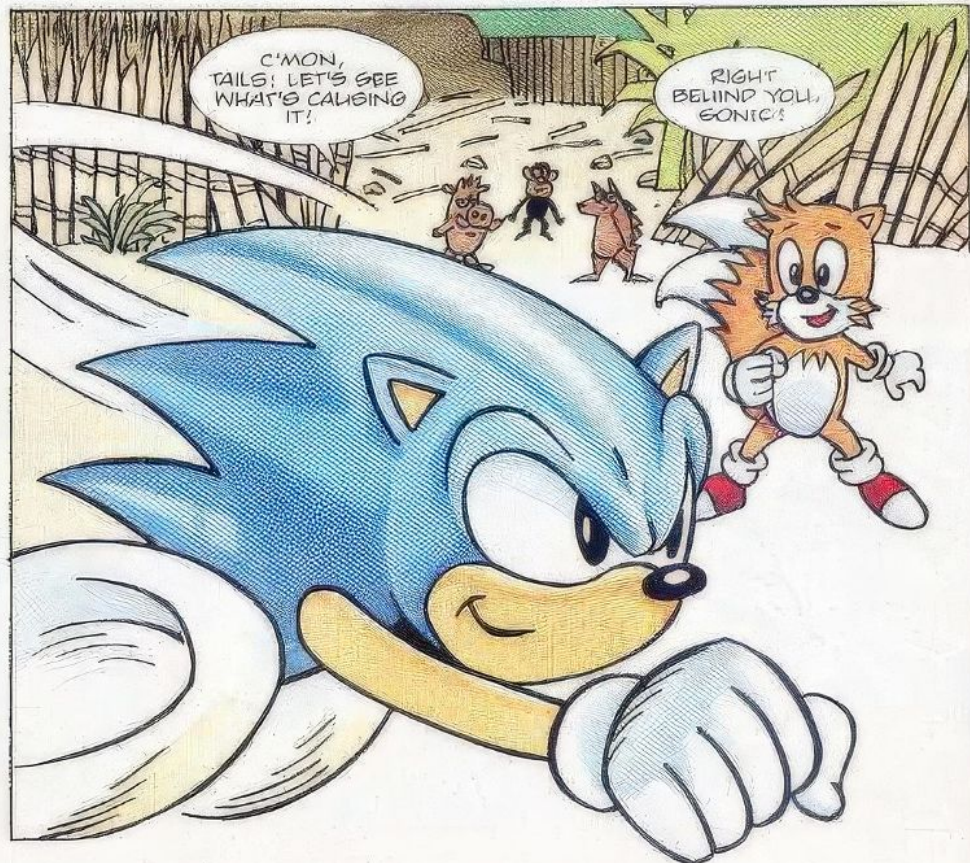
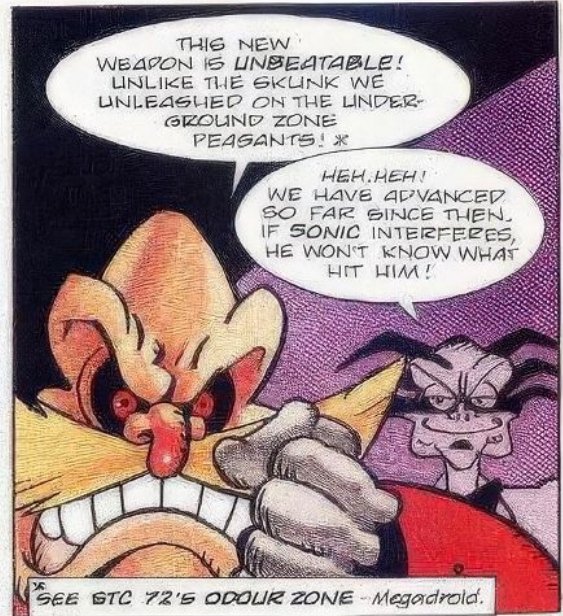
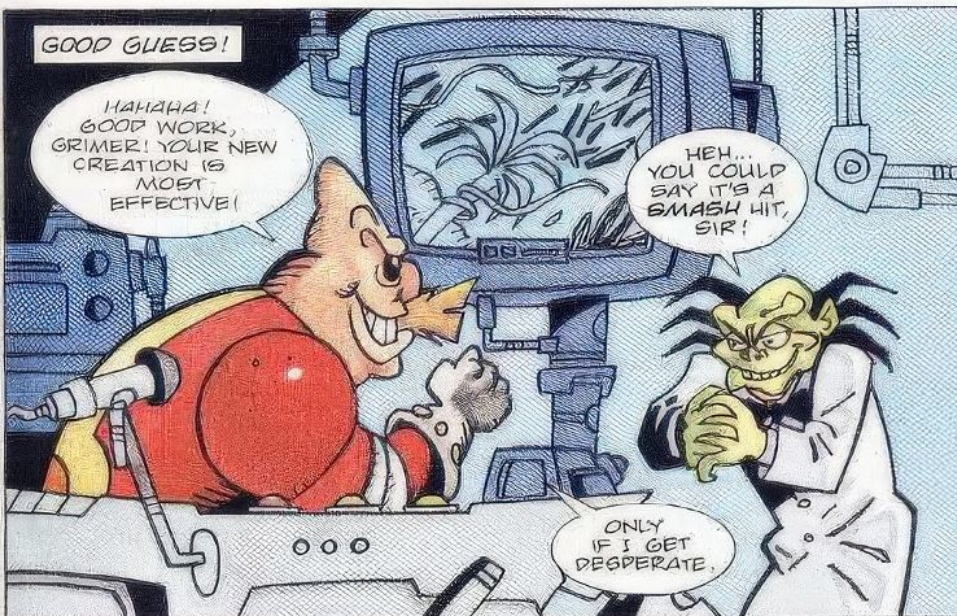
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UNDER
ATTACK!

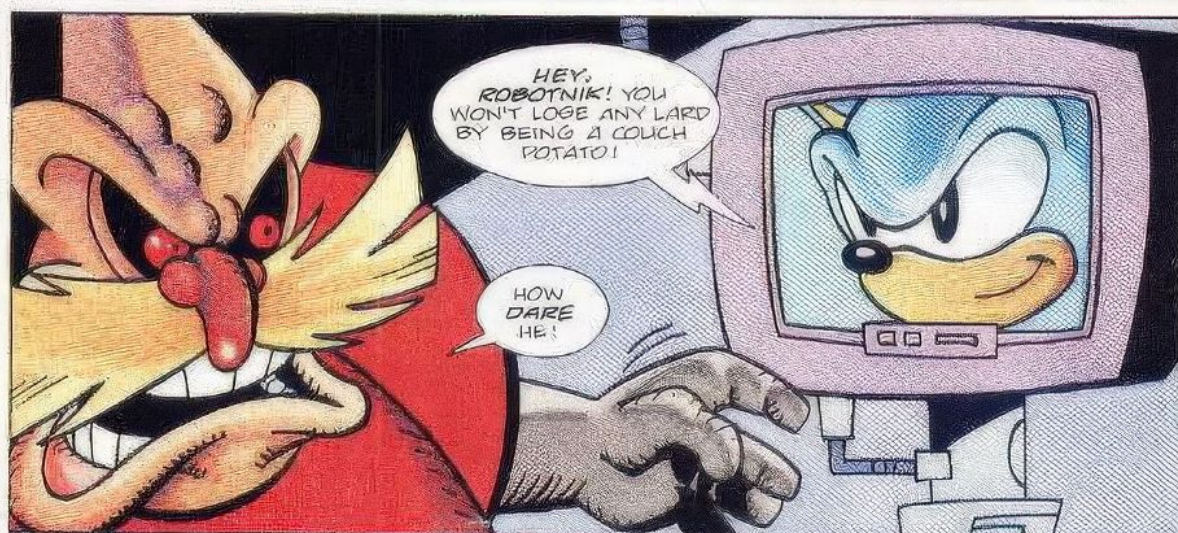
WILDEST
HURRICANE
I EVER SAW!

THAT'S
NOTHING TO DO WITH
THE WEATHER! MY GUESS
IS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S
BEHIND IT!

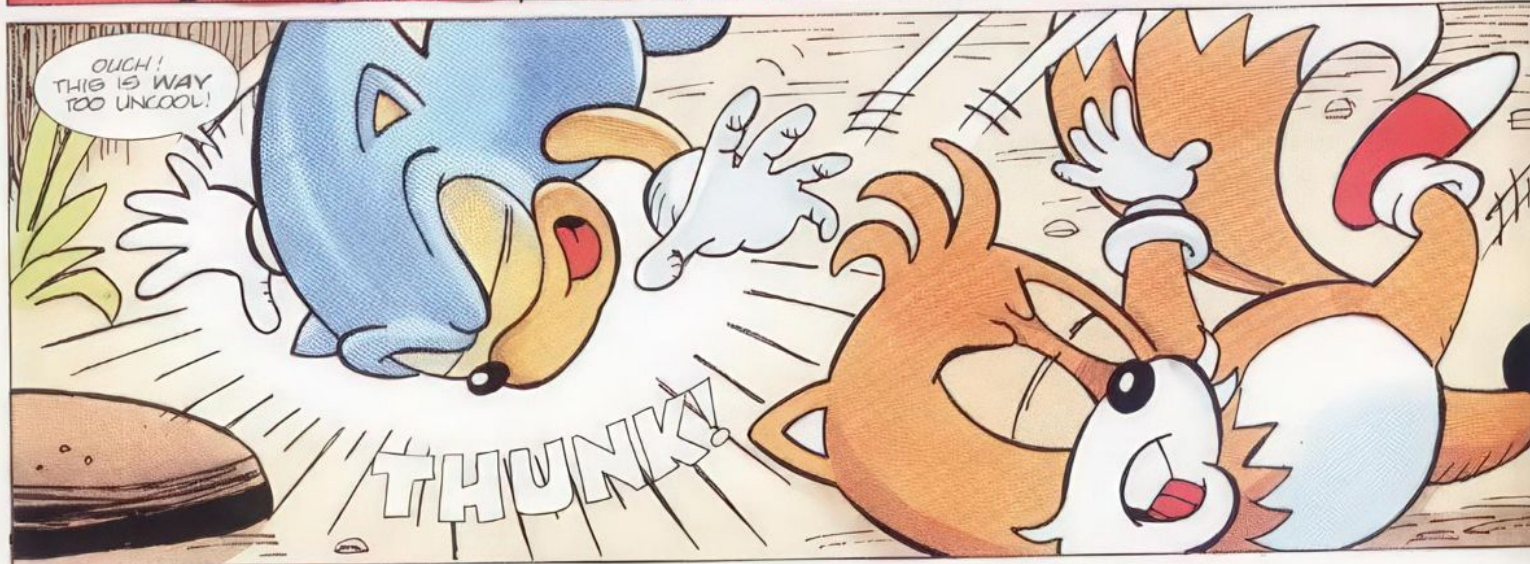
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SMASH!

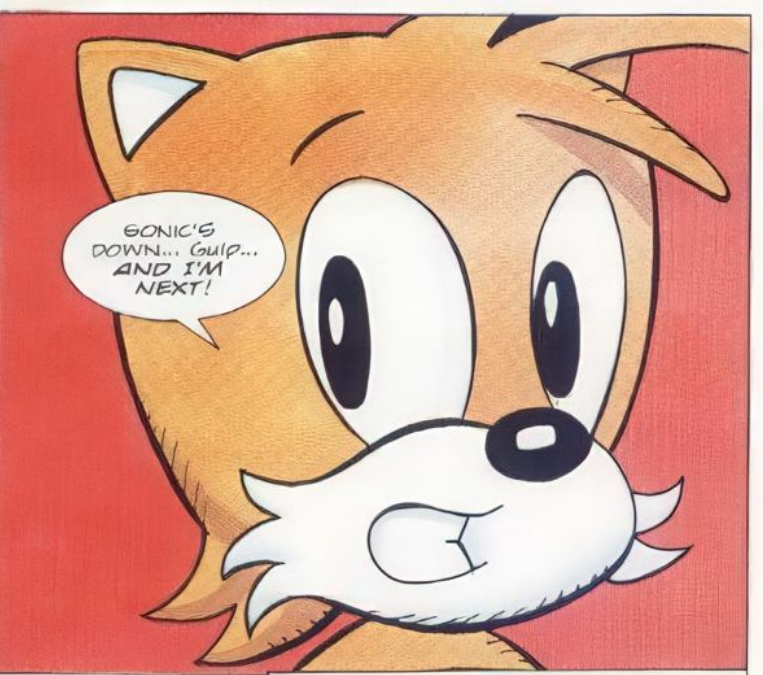
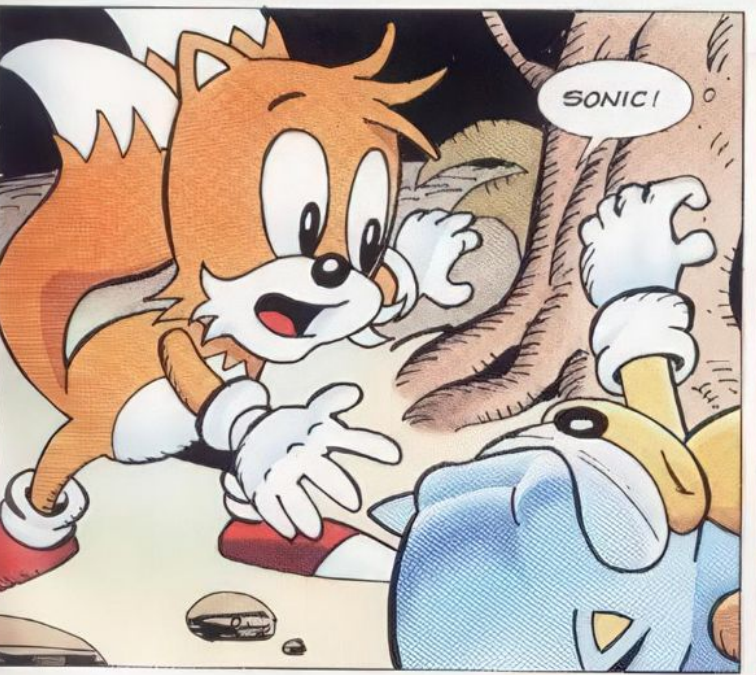






CRRACK!
CRASHH!





NEXT ISSUE: THE ROBOT REVEALED!



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Amy
(look out for
her in next
issue's Sonic
story)

Allison Hedley, Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear,
MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

CHANGE OF CHART!

Dear Megadroid,

Why don't you show more than four Sega machines in the Charts? How about the Saturn? Jamie Mactulloch-Gair, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

Check out the new charts in the Control Zone, Jamie.

Compiled by Chart-Track, it now includes the top 10 Saturn games.



MICROCHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!

Dear Megadroid,

Zynk the robot in Shining Force bears a remarkable resemblance to your old self. Is he related to you by any chance?

Stuart Beck, Grantham, Lincs.

GG/MD/MS owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Less of the 'old' self if you don't mind, Stu. You humes can't tell one robot from another, but may I remind you that I am truly unique!

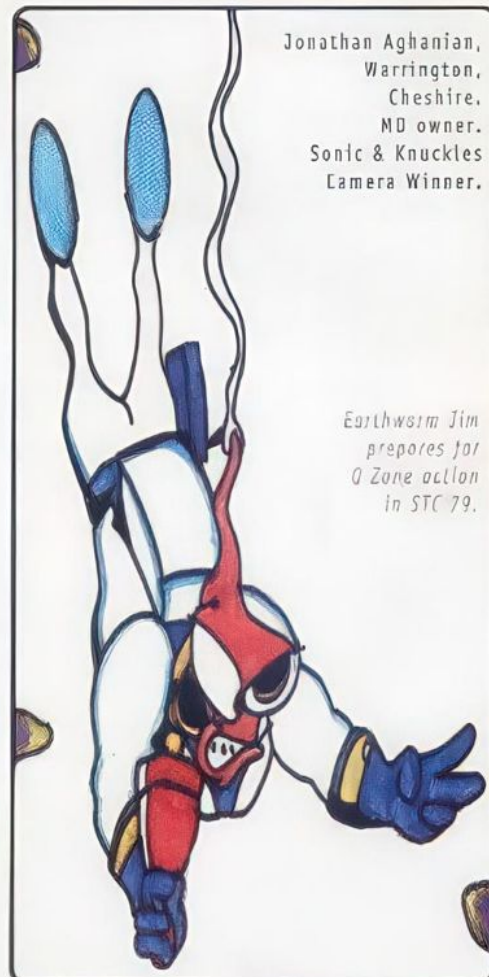


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Jonathan Aghanian,
Warrington,
Cheshire.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles
Camera Winner.

Earthworm Jim
prepares for
Q Zone action
in STC 79.

DOCTOR NO!

Dear Megadroid,

I think it's about time that Doctor Robotnik did something about his weight. Maybe if you told him he was beginning to look as fat as Mr Blobby, it might spur him on to refuse some food!

Jack Davies, Worthing, W Sussex.
MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Haven't you noticed him exercising in this issue's Fit Zone, Jack?

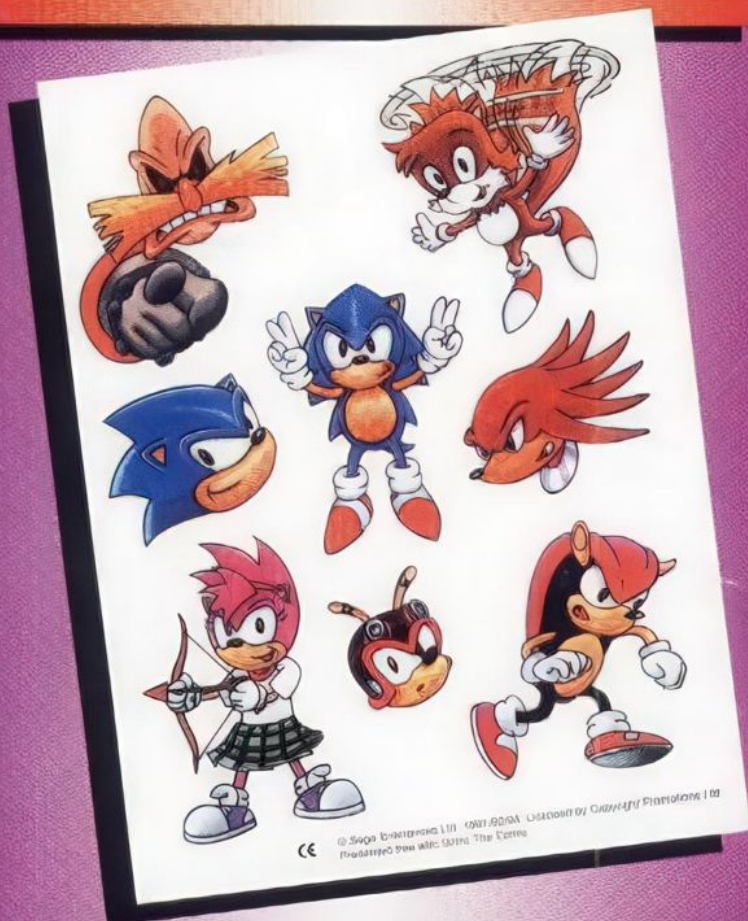
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NEXT ISSUE

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STC TRANSFERS!



SONIC!
PLASMA!

SONIC'S WORLD!
STICKY END?

KNUCKLES!
TRINKET TREK!

SHINING FORCE!
BLOW OUT!

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ISSUE

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FILM/VIDEO IS

BAND/SINGER IS

MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

GG ☐

MCD ☐

MD ☐

MM ☐

MS ☐

32X ☐

SATURN ☐

SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

**THIS ISSUE'S
MEGA HITS!**

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 77

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

Voice of the People

COMPLETE STORY

SCRIPT: NIGEL KITCHING

ART: RICHARD EASON

COVERING: ELIE DE VILLE

CITADEL ROBOTNIK THE NERVE CENTRE OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S EVIL EMPIRE.

I WANT SONIC FOUND!

I HAVE PLANET MOBIUS COMPLETELY UNDER MY CONTROL, HOW CAN THAT CURSED HEDGEHOG ELUDE ME?

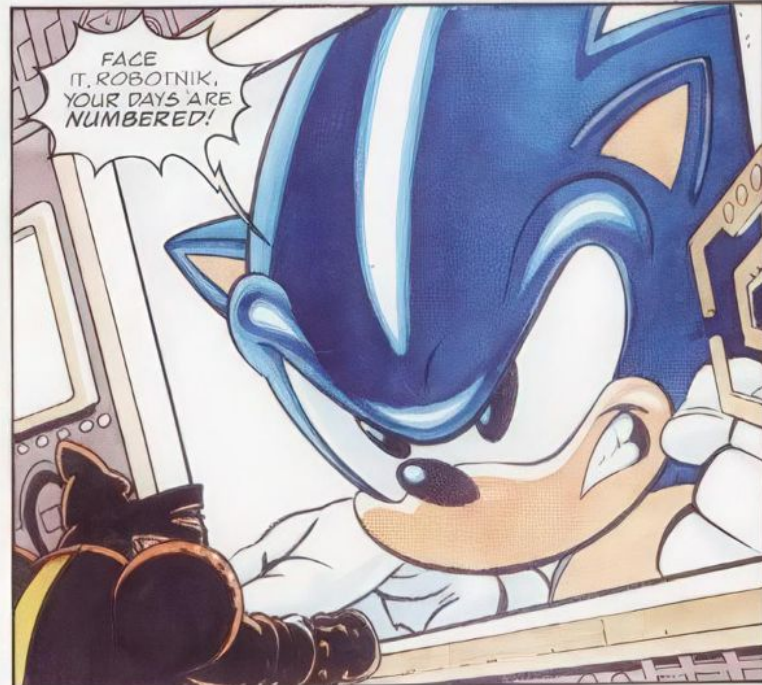
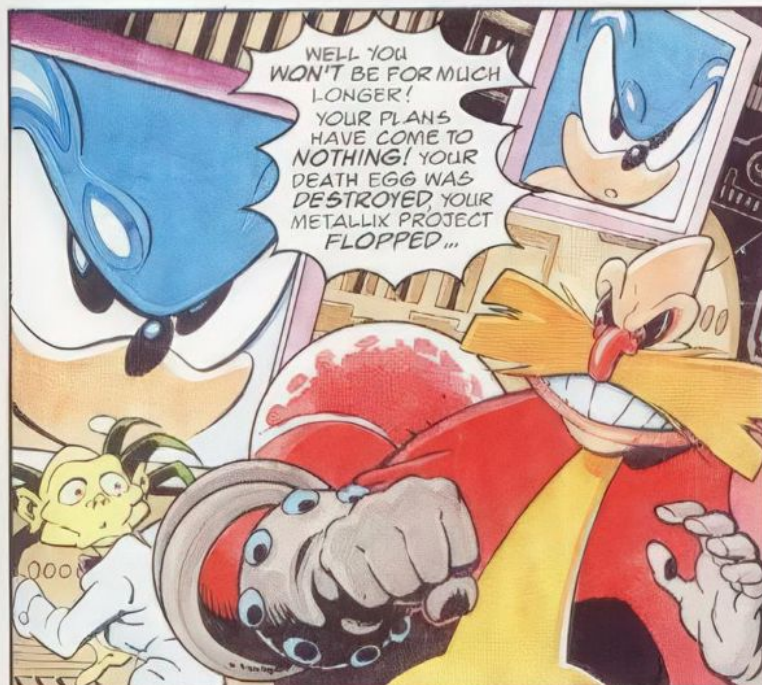
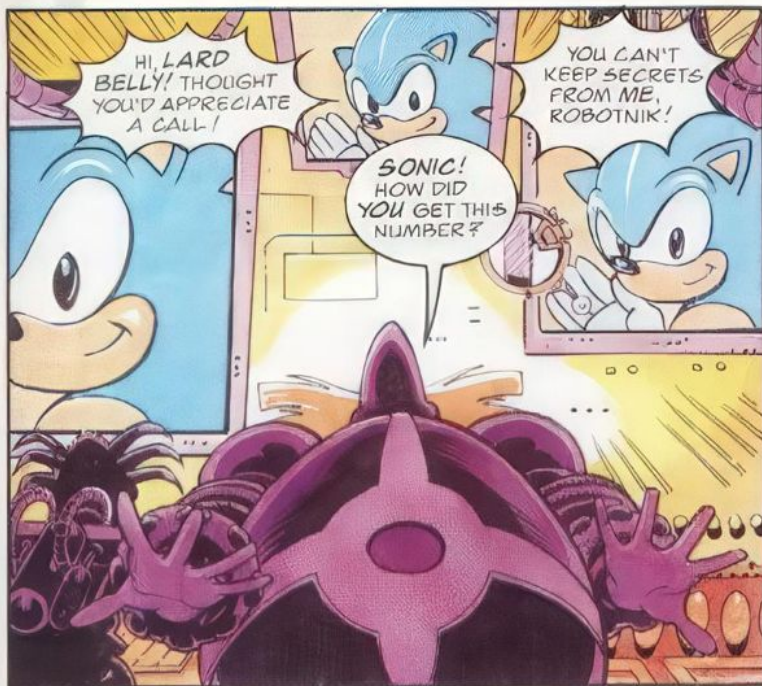
AND WHAT'S WORSE... HOW CAN HE HAVE HIDDEN THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE? *

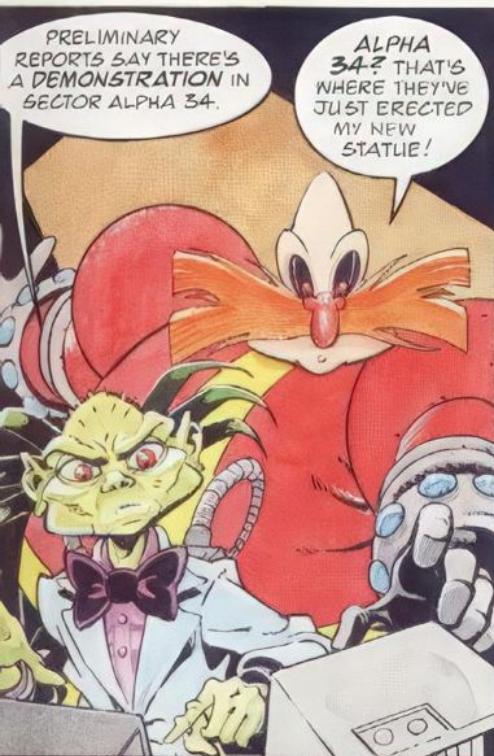
* THEY'RE CURRENTLY LIVING PEACEFULLY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND - MEGADROID.

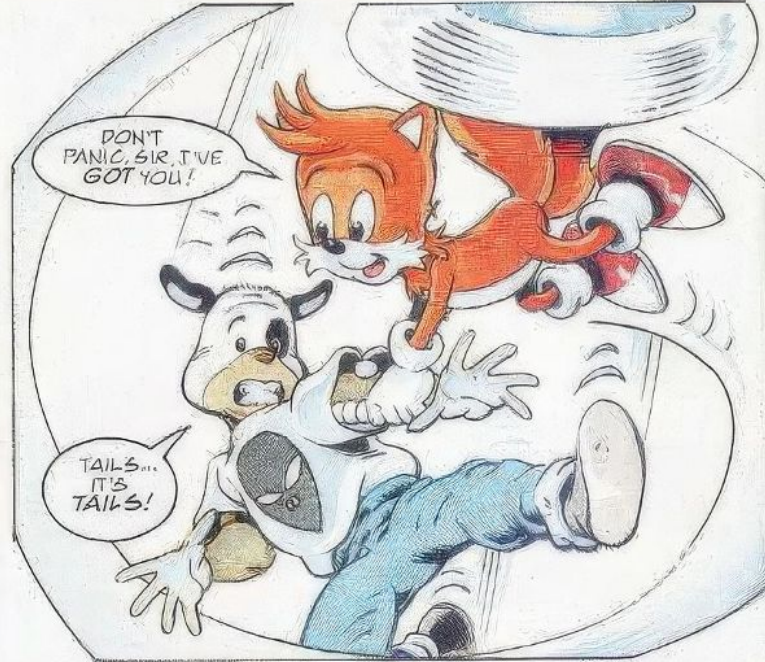
MASTER, SOMEONE IS TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT ON YOUR PRIVATE VIDEO-LINK NUMBER.

THEN PUT THEM THROUGH, YOU SNIVELLING IDIOT!

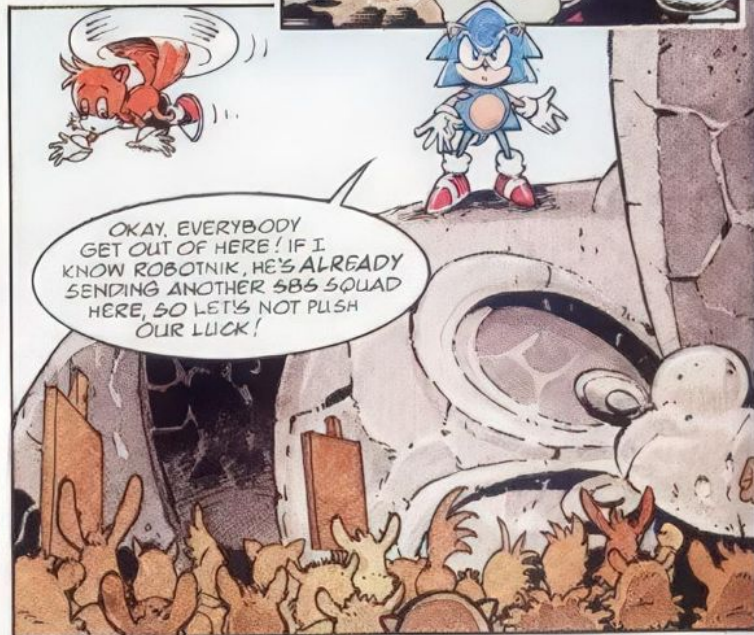
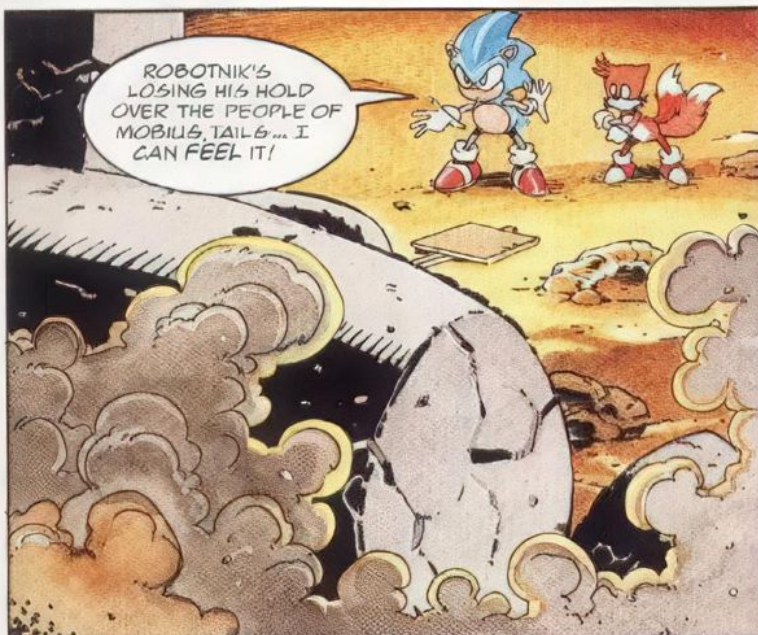
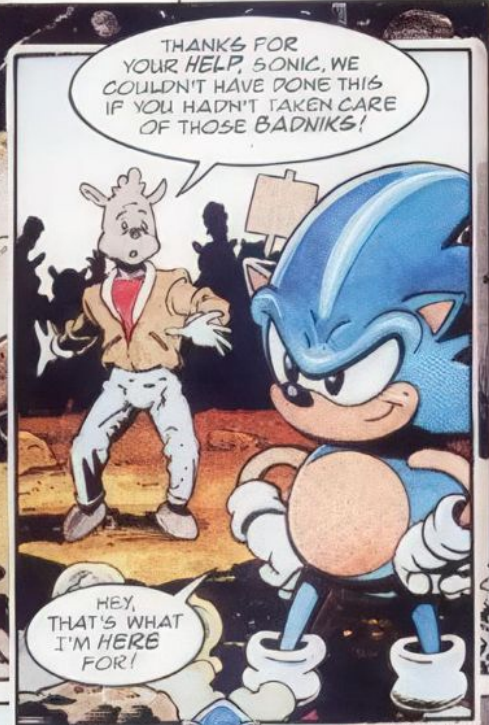
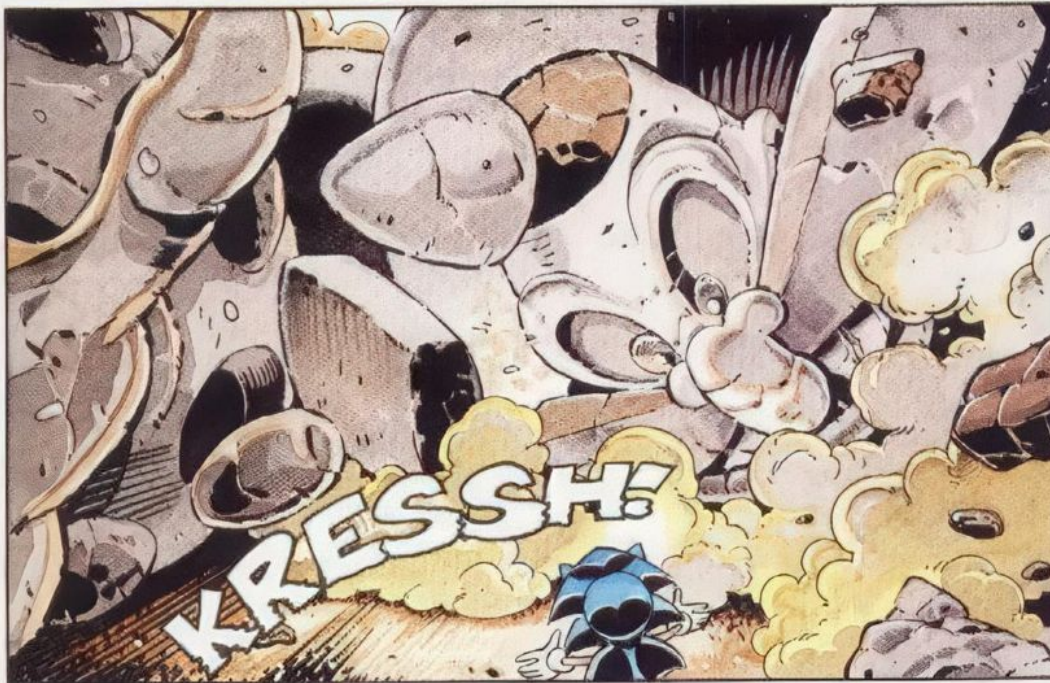
Y... YES, MASTER!

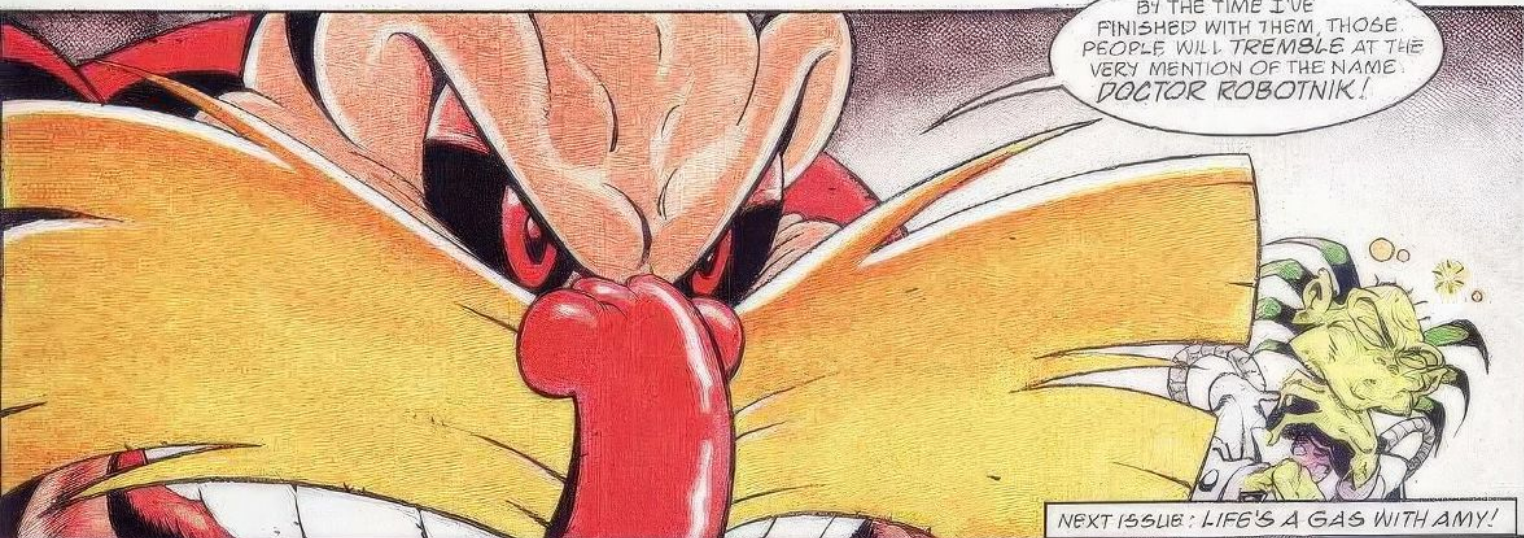
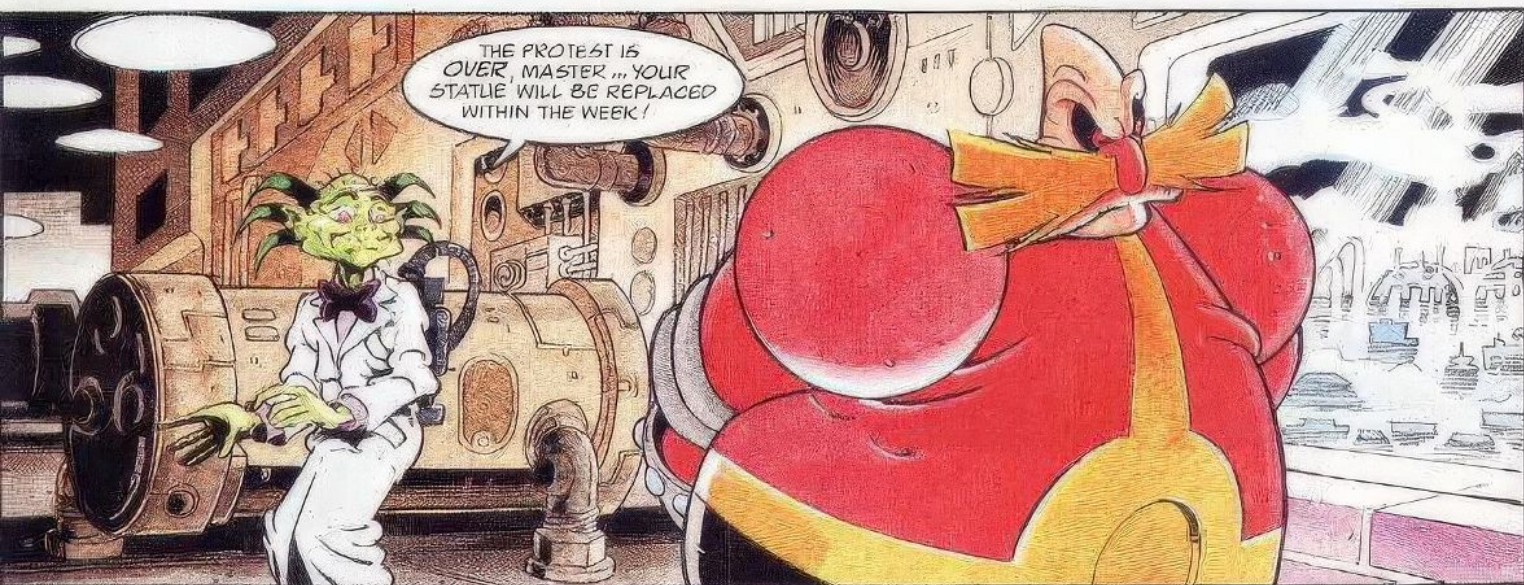












NEXT ISSUE: LIFE'S A GAS WITH AMY!